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SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT: CANARY ISLANDS DEFERRED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 3102 (NOTAL) (B) KHARTOUM 3044 (NOTAL)

1. OAU SUMMIT EXAMINED REPORT OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE
(ALC) ON CANARY ISLANDS JULY 21, WHICH INCLUDED OAU
RECOGNITION OF MPAIAC AS LEGITIMATE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVE-
MENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR OAU ASSISTANCE TO MPAIAC. SUM-
MIT WOULD NOT ACCEPT ALC RECOMMENDATIONS, AMOUNTING TO
REJECTION OF MPAIAC CLAIMS. HOWEVER SUMMIT DID RECOMMEND
OAU CONTINUE TO EXAMINE CANARY ISLANDS QUESTION FOR
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CONSIDERATION OF NEXT SUMMIT IN MONROVIA (1979).

2. COMMENT: OAU DECISION TO DEFER CANARY ISLANDS
QUESTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR OBVIOUSLY REPRESENTS INTERIM
VICTORY FOR SPANISH GOVT. AND ITS SUPPORTERS IN AFRICA.
HOWEVER, MPAIAC BACKERS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO KEEP ISSUE
BEFORE OAU DURING COMING YEAR, EVEN THOUGH OAU AS WHOLE

BELIEVES ISSUE SHOULD HAVE LOW PRIORITY COMPARED TO SOUTHERN
AFRICA.
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